

Financial Sustainability Assessment Larger NSW Councils, October 2007

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As assessed by:



	present condition (a)	long-term outlook (on an "existing policy" basis) (b)
METROPOLITAN: INNER		
Ashfield Municipal Council	U	stable
Botany Bay City Council	n.a.	n.a.
Burwood Council	V	negative
Canada Bay City Council	V	negative
Canterbury City Council	V	positive
Hurstville City Council	S	negative
Kogarah Municipal Council	S	negative
Lane Cove Municipal Council	S	stable
Leichhardt Municipal Council	S	stable
Manly Council	S	negative
Marrickville Council	V	negative
Mosman Municipal Council	S	negative
North Sydney Council	U	stable
Randwick City Council	U	stable
Rockdale City Council	S	negative
Strathfield Municipal Council	S	negative
Sydney City Council	S	stable
Waverley Council	V	positive
Willoughby City Council	V	negative
Woollahra Municipal Council	S	stable
METROPOLITAN: OUTER		
Auburn Council	V	negative
Bankstown City Council	S	negative
Baulkham Hills Shire Council	S	negative
Blacktown City Council	V	negative
Blue Mountains City Council	U	stable
Camden Council	S	negative
Campbelltown City Council	S	negative
Fairfield City Council	V	positive
Gosford City Council	S	negative
Hawkesbury City Council	U	stable
Holroyd City Council	S	negative
Hornsby Shire Council	S	negative
Ku-ring-gai Council	U	stable
Liverpool City Council	U	stable
Parramatta City Council	S	stable
Penrith City Council	V	negative
Pittwater Council	S	stable
Ryde City Council	U	stable
Sutherland Shire Council	S	stable
Warringah Council	S	stable
Wollondilly Shire Council	U	stable
Wyong Shire Council	U	stable

	present condition (a)	long-term outlook (on an "existing policy" basis) (b)
REGIONAL: COASTAL URBAN		
Ballina Shire Council	U	stable
Bega Valley Shire Council	V	stable
Byron Shire Council	S	negative
Coffs Harbour City Council	U	stable
Eurobodalla Shire Council	U	positive
Great Lakes Council **	U	stable
Greater Taree City Council	U	stable
Kempsey Shire Council	U	stable
Kiama Municipal Council	n.a.	n.a.
Lake Macquarie City Council	S	stable
Newcastle City Council **	S	negative
Port Macquarie-Hastings Council	V	negative
Port Stephens Council	V	negative
Richmond Valley Council	U	stable
Shellharbour City Council	V	negative
Shoalhaven City Council	S	negative
Tweed Shire Council	U	stable
Wollongong City Council **	U	stable
REGIONAL: INLAND URBAN		
Albury City Council **	U	stable
Armidale Dumaresq Council	V	negative
Bathurst Regional Council	S	negative
Broken Hill City Council	U	stable
Cessnock City Council	V	negative
Dubbo City Council	S	stable
Goulburn Mulwaree Council	V	negative
Griffith City Council	n.a.	n.a.
Lismore City Council	U	stable
Lithgow City Council	V	stable
Maitland City Council	S	negative
Orange City Council	S	stable
Queanbeyan City Council	S	stable
Singleton Shire Council	U	positive
Tamworth Regional Council	U	stable
Wagga Wagga City Council	S	negative
Wingecarribee Shire Council	U	stable
REGIONAL: RURAL		
Bellingen Shire Council	U	stable
Cabonne Shire Council	U	stable
Clarence Valley Council	U	stable
Cooma-Monaro Shire Council	S	stable
Cowra Shire Council	U	stable
Forbes Shire Council	S	stable
Gunnedah Shire Council	S	stable
Inverell Shire Council	S	stable
Mid-Western Regional Council	U	stable
Moree Plains Shire Council	S	stable
Muswellbrook Shire Council	V	stable
Nambucca Shire Council	U	stable
Narrabri Shire Council	S	stable
Parkes Shire Council	S	stable
Temora Shire Council	S	stable
Tumut Shire Council	S	stable
Upper Hunter Shire Council	S	negative
Upper Lachlan Council	S	stable
Young Shire Council	S	stable

Explanatory notes:

** These assessments do not take account of the findings of *Review Today's* recent or current sustainability reviews for these councils, or any consequential policy changes.

(a) Assessment of a council's *present* financial & infrastructure *condition* is based on the council's 2005/06 audited financials, focussing on its operating deficit, debt level and infrastructure backlog – each as reported by the council; "S" = sustainable, "V" = vulnerable, "U" = unsustainable. n.a. = not assessed; the full audited financials for 2005/06 are not available on the council's website.

(b) The *long-term outlook* for a council's financial & infrastructure condition is based on a comparison of the 'present condition' assessment with a separate assessment of the council's long-term financial & infrastructure condition based on projections of its operating deficit, debt level and infrastructure backlog in 10-year's time *if existing revenue and spending policies continue unchanged*; "stable" = the long-term condition is expected to be unchanged on the present condition, "positive" = the long-term condition is expected to improve on the present condition, "negative" = the long-term condition is expected to deteriorate.

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